Field Visits, Monitoring of Release of Funds, Periodical Progress Reports, Concurrent and Quick Evaluation Studies and Impact Assessment Studies. The State Government have been advised to a here to multi pronged strategy including awareness about the Rural Development Schemes at grass root level, transparency, accountability and social audit by the Gram Panchayat.

Indo-US MoU on Military Medicine

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether India and the United States signed a MoU for training and academic cooperation in military medicine that will open up new frontiers in research and education for armed forces of both the countries;

(b) if so, the main aims and objects of the MoU;

(c) to what extent US has agreed to help and assist India in health and research in the Army; and

(d) by when the implementation of the MoU is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) An Agreement on Academic Cooperation in Military Medicine between the Ministry of Defence of India and the Department of Defence of the United State of America (USA) was signed on April 13, 2005.

(b) The main aim and objective of the agreement is the exchange of professional military medical knowledge between the armed forces of the USA and India to enhance the preparedness of the military medical personnel of both countries.

(c) The Agreement will help the Indian Armed Forces Medical Services get increased access to medical research and training in some of the leading US medical institutions associated with the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Registration and tuition fees of participants in programmes under the Agreement will be waived.

(d) The Agreement is effective from the date of its signing.